

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 9-14.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 8, 15, 17 and 18 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the previous claims showing all the changes made thereto, is appended to this Response.

3. (Amended) cDNA comprising the base sequence represented by Sequence ID No.18.

4. (Amended) cDNA comprising the base sequence represented by Sequence ID No. 27.

8. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide consisting of amino acids 19 to 175 of the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:9.

15. (Amended) The isolated polynucleotide of claims 3, 4 or 8, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is operably linked to at least one expression control sequence.

17. (Amended) A transformed cell harboring the polynucleotide of claim